

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented) A gaming network comprising:

a plurality of gaming machines;

one or more information servers coupled to the gaming machines, the one or more information servers structured to store data related to the gaming machines and related to players of the gaming machines, and to generate data for use on the gaming network;

a plurality of secure wireless servers structured to couple to the one or more information servers, the secure wireless servers being distributed around a gaming floor in which gaming machines are available for play; and

a portable secure wireless receiver, other than the one or more information servers, structured to couple via a wireless link to at least one of the secure wireless servers based on the proximity of the secure wireless receiver to the at least one secure wireless server and to create a secure data channel between the at least one secure wireless server and the secure wireless receiver wherein the at least one secure wireless server is structured to create a session with the secure wireless receiver only at certain times and wherein the at least one secure wireless server is structured to terminate the session if the secure wireless receiver is not used for a predetermined period of time.

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3. (Previously presented) The gaming network of claim 1 wherein the session is limited in duration.

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5. (Currently amended) A system for redeeming tickets comprising:

one or more information servers on a gaming network, the one or more information servers configured to store data related to past play of gaming machines and related to players of the gaming machines, and to generate data for use on the gaming network;

data stored on the one or more information servers relating to transactions previously memorialized by a ticket;

a plurality of secure wireless servers structured to couple to the one or more information servers via a redemption server, the secure wireless servers being distributed around a gaming floor in which at least one of the gaming machines is located; ~~and~~

a portable secure wireless receiver, other than the one or more information servers, structured to couple via a wireless link to at least one of the secure wireless servers based on the proximity of the secure wireless receiver to the at least one secure wireless server and create a secure data channel between the at least one secure wireless server and the secure wireless receiver over which data stored on the one or more information servers can be retrieved via the redemption server, ~~wherein the at least one secure wireless server is structured to create a session with the secure wireless receiver only at certain times and wherein the at least one secure wireless server is structured to terminate the a session~~ with the secure wireless receiver if the secure wireless receiver is not used for a predetermined period of time[.]; and

wherein the redemption server is configured and arranged to redeem an award memorialized by a ticket, the redemption server including a first interface in communication with the one or more information servers and a second interface in communication with a secure wireless server, the redemption server further including a docking station configured to store the secure wireless receiver so as to be in communication therewith.

6. (Previously presented) The system of claim 5, further comprising a session detector configured to determine if the secure wireless receiver has a presently established session with a secure wireless server.

7. (Currently amended) The system of claim 5, further comprising a ticket validator operable on the secure wireless receiver and configured to determine if a particular ticket identifier correctly identifies a previously memorialized transaction.

8. (Original) The system of claim 7 wherein when the ticket identifier correctly identifies a previously memorialized transaction, the one or more information servers are configured to generate redemption data.

9. (Original) The system of claim 8 wherein the redemption data includes the date and time a ticket was redeemed.

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